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Dear Mr. Davis:

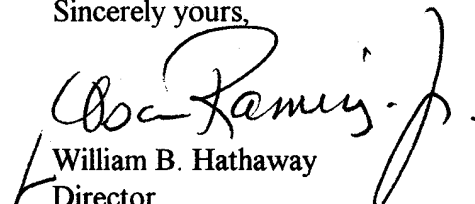
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to approve the following TMDLs and updates to work element 6 of the New Mexico Water Quality Management Plan:

1. Turbidity TMDL for Moreno Creek.
2. Turbidity TMDL for Six-Mile Creek.
3. Turbidity TMDL for Cieneguilla Creek.
4. Stream bottom deposits TMDL for Cieneguilla Creek.
5. Turbidity TMDL for North Ponil Creek.
6. Stream bottom deposits TMDL for North Ponil Creek.
7. Total phosphorus TMDL for North Ponil Creek.

EPA received the final TMDLs on August 30, 1999, accompanied by your letter dated August 11, 1999. We commend your staff for the considerable effort that went into developing and establishing these TMDLs.

Based on our review, detailed in the enclosed document, we conclude that the TMDLs meet the regulatory requirements found in Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and the implementing regulations at 40 CFR 130.7. If you would like to discuss these approvals, please contact me or Troy Hill of my staff at (214) 665-6647.

Sincerely yours,


William B. Hathaway
Director
Water Quality Protection Division

Enclosure